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Operations Groups and Intelligence Groups of the UHQ at all levels, improved technology, weapons and equipments for security forces.

Steps are being taken to flush out terrorists and curb their activities including close vigil on border and in the hinterland in J and K.

Special Training to Constables in Delhi Police

1864. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

SHRI RAJU PARMAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to newspaper report titled "Special frisking lessons for the city constables" appearing in the Asian Age, New Delhi dated the 29th June, 2001;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) whether Government are considering the need for special training to the constables and other police officers to keep them fit and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. This is a part of the continuing exercise to enhance the overall capabilities of the Police personnel.

(c) Apart from the weekly parades organised by the field formations, the aspects relating to physical fitness form an integral part of the in-service training courses conducted from time to time.

RDX and Bombs seized in the country

1865. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of RDX and Bombs seized in the country during the last two years till date, year-wise and State-wise;

(b) whether Government propose to award the most stringent punishment to those who are in possession of RDX and Bomb; and

(c) if so, by when such a legislation is likely to be brought before the Parliament?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) Information regarding total quantity of RDX and Bombs seized in the country is not maintained centrally.

(b) and (c) A bill titled Explosives Substances (Amendment) Bill, 1999 was introduced in the Rajya Sabha on 23.12.1999 to amend the Explosives Substances Act, 1908 to provide for deterrent punishment for committing crimes by using sophisticated variety of explosives like RDX etc. The bill was considered by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Home Affairs on 8.2.2000. The Committee's recommendations have been considered by the Government and based thereon amendments to the Bill are being moved in the House shortly.

Use of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles for Mapping by Pakistan Forces

1866. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state: MIA

(a) whether, Government are aware that Pak forces are using Chinese origin unmanned aerial vehicles (UAUs) for mapping of* infiltration routes and the security set up along the international border in Jammu and Kashmir; and

(b) if so, what measures have been taken by Government to thwart the designs of Pak forces?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) Pakistan is known to be in possession of the Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) of Chinese origin. The UAVs are used for tactical military operational tasks and its linkage to infiltration cannot be ascertained.

(b) Our troops have been asked to be more vigilant and measures have been taken to strengthen the counter infiltration posture.